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A graph on a coordinate system with three horizontal lines. Two downward-sloping curves are plotted. The top curve is steeper than the bottom one. Both curves intersect the top horizontal line at the same point.

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